

Remarks:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11-20 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Oshima (U.S. 6,463,300).

Oshima discloses a mobile communication terminal and method “in which a body of the mobile communication terminal judges whether or not a user of the body is permitted to the usage of the body” (col. 3, lines 40-42). This is to determine whether the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM card has been replaced since the last mobile communication terminal's access to the communication network. Further, Oshima discloses mobile communication terminal and method to control the mobile communication terminal user's ability to access a communication network in case the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM card has been replaced since the last mobile communication terminal's access to said communication network.

The main object of Oshima's disclosure is to prevent an unauthorized person from using a mobile communication terminal in case said person "gets a mobile communication terminal which is left alone, loss or stolen" (col. 3, lines 1-5). Further, Oshima discloses a "method of allowing a mobile communication terminal to access the network" (col. 4, lines 60-62) using a specific SIM card, since a "SIM card attached into the left, loss or stolen mobile communication terminal may be easy to be scraped" (col. 3, lines 12-15).

Oshima's method comprises the steps of: detecting whether or not the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM card has been replaced since the last mobile communication terminal's access to the communication network; allowing the body to be operated when the detecting portion detects that the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM card is the same as the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM card in the last mobile communication terminal's access to said communication network; inputting a first code when the detecting portion detects that the mobile communication terminal's IC/SIM has been changed since the last mobile

communication terminal's access to said communication network; allowing the body to be operated in response to said first code; a first code after the first controller allows the body to be operational; allowing the mobile communication terminal to access the network in response to the second code.

In the Office Action (page 3, last paragraph), the Examiner contends that according to Oshima's disclosure, entries are searched in the data structure for first configuration data associated with the first identity module in order to configure the mobile device accordingly. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. According to Oshima (col. 7, lines 25-35) "the CPU collates a PIN number stored in the SIM card with a secret number inputted by a user of the mobile station" in order to decide whether said user is allowed to use the mobile station (col. 7, lines 25-35).

The Examiner further contends that the abovementioned data is used to configure the mobile device (page 4, paragraph 1 in the Office Action). The Applicant respectfully disagrees. According to Oshima, the abovementioned data is used to "recognize that the attached SIM card is exchanged" (col. 9, lines 54-59).

The Examiner also contends that a search is commence for a first entry in a data structure for network access information associated with the new identity module in order to configure the mobile device according to the new identity module (see page 6, paragraph 2 of the Office Action). The Applicant respectfully disagrees. According to Oshima, "the CPU collates a PIN number stored in the SIM card with a secret number inputted by a user of the mobile station" in order to decide whether said user is allowed to use the mobile station (col. 7, lines 25-35).

In contrast with Oshima, the present invention discloses a method for "transparently configuring a mobile device when a new identity module (IC/SIM card) is coupled to it" [0014]. Further, the present invention discloses a system and method for easily and correctly retrieving

the corresponding configuration information to the SIM card presently coupled to the mobile device. This is achieved by determining whether a first identity module (SIM card) is different from a second identity module previously coupled to the mobile device (identifying if the SIM card has been replaced); searching entries in a data structure for first configuration data associated with the first identity module (checking whether the data structure includes configuration data for the new SIM card) wherein said data structure has a plurality of entries that comprise configuration data for respective plurality of identity modules that can be coupled to the mobile device (the data structure should include configuration data for several SIM cards suitable for the mobile device); and configuring the mobile device to use the first configuration data (the configuration data of the new SIM card).

Therefore, the method proposed by the present invention does not intend to prevent an unauthorized person from using a mobile communication terminal in case said person finds a lost mobile communication terminal.

In the light of the above, it is respectfully submitted, that the system and method for automatically configuring a mobile device in a mobile communication network as presented in the present invention, is distinguishable from the cited reference. Therefore, the pending claims as amended should be in condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623 2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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